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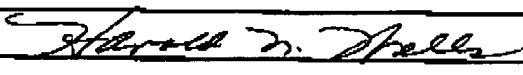
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Sir:

The telephone interview with Examiner Soohoo on November 20, 2007 was held after filing of an RCE and before examination of the claims submitted in an amendment after final mailed September 18, 2007. The remarks made in the amendment regarding the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based on the Kellogg and Koop were reprised in the telephone discussion, as summarized by Examiner Soohoo.

In particular, we note that neither Kellogg nor Koop have two chambers that are larger than the volume of the two liquids being mixed. Furthermore, even single large chambers are not used for mixing. Such large chambers, which at first contain air, are not usual in microfluidic devices, since air must be purged with entering liquids. Microfluidic devices

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generally would not be expected to adopt large chambers for mixing, but instead would use smaller chambers as does Kellogg, or the capillary passageway intersection as does Koop.

Respectfully submitted,

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